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In re Application of:

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AUTHENTICATION USING NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL IMAGING

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated September 30s, 2003,
Applicant respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.